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CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING

'Patriots' Are Worried

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The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Inc., which perches somewhere between Barry Goldwater and Gen. Edwin Walker on the right, yesterday met here to worry about the future of the Republic.

Conservatively speaking, many speakers and delegates agreed, the future seemed dim.

The organization's 1966 resolutions contained no surprises: the ACPS firmly opposed communism, the Federal bureaucracy with its "overtones of blackmail," reapportionment to give city dwellers a bigger share in government, civil rights and peace demonstrations, the United Nations, water fluoridation, inflation...

It favored a clear-cut military victory in Viet Nam, freeing of U.S. prisoners of war, immigration quotas, and right-to-work laws. The ACPS gave thanks to God for allowing the U. S. to survive another year.

Congressmen and others tried to reassure delegates — many of them white-haired and carrying canes — that the liberal madness would pass and the State Department would wake up if only enough patriotic Americans would write angry letters and otherwise make themselves heard. Included was Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. (D., N.C.).

"Since so many men now appear so anxious to swap the

reality of liberty for the mirage of economic security, it would be well if we would ... ponder the choice our ancestors made," he said.

PROPOSALS

Rep. Richard Ichord, (D., Mo.) a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, asked delegates to support a bill setting up a "freedom academy" for Cold War warriors.

QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS

"America is a **REPUBLIC** not a democracy," an elderly man said. "Why can't people understand that?"

A lady shook her head sadly at people's ways, and another lady worriedly asked a speaker, "Isn't everything infiltrated ... and haven't they twisted it ... so that even the patriots become traitors?"

She was told that all was not lost.